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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Demand light to fair, best for September through October shipments. Frozen commodity trading light in the East for October deliveries, fair in the Midwest for current. Offerings ranged from light to adequate with product the least available in the East. Breast meat undertones starting to become unsettled. Fresh tom breast meat undertone steady at best with spot premiums noted on close trimmed product. Frozen tom breast meat steady to weak with offers noted at lower trending price levels. Undertone firm on hen 2-joint wings with trading noted at higher price levels and inquiries going unfilled.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Undertone steady to fully steady on tom drums, improving on tom 2-joint wings and steady to fully steady on frozen thigh meat. Demand fair on tom drums, light to fair on frozen thigh meat with buyers resisting the higher asking prices. Inquiry light to fair on tom necks for the Caribbean. Trading light for the Caribbean, Asia, Mexico and Russia with activity centering on tom drums.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 24, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	74-75	74.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	72	72.00	320	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	74.5	74.50	20	80.50	40	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	73	73.00	480	-	-	-	20	sep
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-74	73.5-74	73.75	40	79.33	60	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 AUGUST 1999.

Undertone about steady on bulk parts with trading consisting mostly of less than trucklot volumes. Some sellers attempting to raise their tom drum offering prices and meeting limited success. Trading slow on the balance of items. Frozen thigh meat offers becoming more available at steady prices when compared to the mostly higher offering price levels previously being asked. Grade A breasts (part loads): 10-12 lb. 127, 12-14 lb. 135, layer packed tenderloins (1 load) 175 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	102.47	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.38	16
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.41	85
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00-22.00		18.97	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	48.00	10
NECKS, TOM	15.00-18.00		15.48	60
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	183.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	188.50	400
THIGH MEAT		M	56.00	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	54.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.00	140
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	15.75	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	19.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	19.56	468
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	56.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	92-94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 AUGUST 1999 .

Fresh tom breast meat undertone steady at best, however, premiums are noted on close trimmed product. Frozen tom breast meat trade sentiment steady to weak with some industry members noting offers at 175 cents delivered. Destrapped tenderloin undertone at least steady and whole tenderloins are steady at best. Fresh tom breast meat demand fair. Domestic trading light to fair centering on tom breast meat, 4-8 lb. breasts and tom wings. Export trading light with 2-joint wings and tom drums noted at higher price levels. For export: tom necks (1 container) 17, hen 2-joint wings (1 container) 50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00		100.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	96.50		96.50	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	17.38	16
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.41	85
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00-19.00		17.38	320
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	52.00		52.00	80
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	40
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	182.00-183.00		182.33	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	189.00-192.00		190.14	280
THIGH MEAT		M	56.00	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	54.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	157.00-161.00		159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.00	140

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-21.00	18.43	244
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.00	17.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.50	21.50	104
TAILS	18.50	18.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00	17.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00	58.00	40

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 8/25/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1999-2000	37,259	82,808	82,808
1999-2000	2,291	66,838	66,838

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